

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

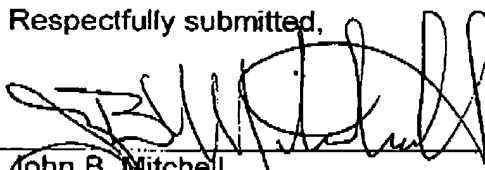
1. Claims 3, 5 and 6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 by including the limitations of claim 3. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 2, and 4-6 should now be allowable.

2. In summary, claim 1 has been amended, claim 3 has been cancelled, claims 7-13 have been allowed, and claims 1, 2, and 4-13 remain in the application. Applicant believes that the amendments contained herein render all pending claims allowable, and respectfully requests that the rejection and objections be withdrawn and the claims sent to issue. No new matter has been added.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call Applicant's attorney, collect, at New Holland, Pennsylvania, if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the application ready for final disposition by other than allowance.

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